

SLICKHORN CANYON *

Source to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Length In Miles	Outstandingly Remarkable Values – ORVs	Level of Significance	Tentative Classification
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scenic• Recreation• Wildlife• Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional• Regional• Regional• Regional	Wild

* Within Grand Gulch Instant Study Area and ACEC, and within Cedar Mesa SRMA

Description of Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs):

- **Scenic** – Slickhorn Canyon has unobstructed and expansive views including 600 foot vertical cliff walls, rimrock, outcrops, spires, a visual contrast from soil and rock color, and alcoves containing key archeological sites, which can be viewed from within the canyon bottom. Canyon water flows over pour offs into deep pools and eventually drains into the San Juan River on National Park Service lands at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
- **Recreation** – The popularity of Slickhorn Canyon created a need for an allocated permit system, which is in place, allowing a limited number of backpackers at any one time. Day hiking, backpacking, canyoneering, photography, wildlife observation, natural history, and historical and cultural site exploration amongst the colorful sandstone walls, makes the canyon a popular destination for primitive and unconfined recreation. Access is from six side canyons and by floating the San Juan River and hiking upstream. Visitors from around the globe are attracted to this area.
- **Wildlife** – Grand Gulch is within designated critical habitat for Mexican spotted owl. Surveys have been conducted in this canyon and there have been owls using the area. The habitat in this canyon is also critical for peregrine falcon and other raptors, as well as neo-tropical birds.
- **Cultural** – The cultural resources located here are well preserved prehistoric occupations, special activity locations, and rock art. They are usually located in alcoves, but are sometimes found on the benches along the bottom of the canyon. They are of regional significance because of the scientific information they contain, the fact that they are well preserved, and for their recreational attraction.